January 28, 2019

Members of the General Assembly

Denver, Colorado

Dear Representatives and Senators:

We have recently become aware that a number of Colorado legislators signed a letter to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), dated January 14, that encourages the PUC to become involved in a private contract dispute between Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and our power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State).

To our knowledge, none of the legislators reached out to the rest of Tri-State's members before signing the letter. Had they done so, they would have discovered that most of us do not support DMEA's efforts at the PUC. This disagreement really is between one of Tri-State's members – DMEA – and the other 42 members of the association. As co-owners and members of Tri-State, this disagreement should be resolved by the Tri-State members themselves or in court if necessary.

It should be noted that the signed letter states concern for *all* of Colorado's electric consumers. In fact, only the members of one co-op – not *all* of Colorado's electric consumers – have brought their concerns to the PUC. Many of Colorado's rural electric consumers have stated their support for Tri-State in this instance.

It is our hope that members of the General Assembly will reach out to us when they are considering matters of importance to rural electric cooperative members, and remember that one rural electric co-op does not speak for the rest of us. We are always happy to share our thoughts, positions and expertise.

Sincerely,



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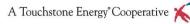
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